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**** Media Advisory ****

Join Wichita Police, Milk-Bone and Dillons for a day of fun on June 4

A number of fun activities are slated for Saturday, June 4, when Milk-Bone and Dillons present the Wichita Police Department with funding to purchase another drug dog.

The festivities will kick off at 10 a.m. at the Dillons store located at 37th and Woodlawn, and will include:

- + Three moon walks for children
- + Child car seat safety checks
- + Wichita Police Identi-kid program
- + Wichita Fire Department
- + Demonstrations and games by Exploration Place
- + Announcement of Coloring contest winners for children
- + Remote radio broadcasts by KFDI 101.3 and Magic 92.3
- + Sedgwick County Fire Department
- + KSN Weatherlab
- + Ultimate Sports Shop NASCAR Simulator

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Come hungry because Nathan's Hot Dogs will go on sale at 11 a.m. Attendees can purchase a hot dog, chips and a drink for \$2 with all the proceeds going to the Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Memorial fund.

Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest will be another fun event. The contest will feature teams from the Wichita Police Department and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. Dillons will donate \$250 in the name of the winning team to the Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Memorial.

At 11 a.m. Milk-Bone and Dillons will present a \$6,500 check to the Police Department for the purchase of the new dog, a Belgian Malinois. This is the third drug dog that Milk-Bone and Dillons have sponsored, and she will be assigned to the Patrol South Bureau. "Kelly" will attend two intensive months of initial training in Hutchinson before she comes back to Wichita to live and work with her new handler Officer Chad cooper.

The Department's other two drug dogs -- Rex and Elza -- will also be present on Saturday with their handlers for a cameo appearance and a demonstration.

A number of local organizations and businesses have donated goods and services to help support the acquisition of this newest drug dog including: Altamere / Troy Palmer, Wichita Kennel Club, Village Animal Hospital / Dr. Chuck Olson, Joe and Vicki Gibbens, R-Con Corporation, Ritchie Corporation, H. D. Ritchie, Big Dog Motorcycles LLC, First Pentecostal Church, Wichita Veterinary Medical Association / Dr. Christy Rafferty, KT Wiedemann Foundation Inc. / Bruce Pringle, Wichita Fence Company and Bed and Biscuit Pet Center.

As part of an on-going national effort to support local law enforcement, Dillons and Milk-Bone have teamed up to co-sponsor this donation. This is the

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third occasion these companies have partnered to donate a dog to the Wichita Police Department. Over the past nine years, Milk-Bone has donated more than 500 police and service dogs.

For additional information, please contact Capt. John Speer, Patrol South Bureau, at 337-9200, Su-Ella McKinzie, Dillons at (620) 669-3253, or Kelly Hayward, the Wilson Group at (972) 444-8443.